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3 May 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 3 May 1968

The Director indicated that there will be no Morning Meeting on Monday.

ADD/I reported that a comparison of the present strength of Arab and Israeli military forces with projections through 1969 will be dispatched to the White House today.

ADD/I drew attention to the North Vietnamese announcement that it is sending an emissary to Paris to begin talks with the U. S. on 10 May.

ADD/I provided the Director and the ADD/P a report of Senator Miller's laudatory comments on the Station Chiefs he met during his tour of Latin America.

Godfrey observed that the North Vietnamese announcement on the Paris site reads as if they regard it as a venue for both preliminary and substantive negotiations.

Godfrey advised that the MIG-21 reported yesterday to have been shot down over the Gulf of Tonkin appears in fact to have been a U. S. reconnaissance drone.

Carver advised that Walt Rostow asked yesterday for a paper on current enemy objectives and that he was sent the previously prepared memorandum on anticipated enemy activity.

Carver drew attention to the cable from Saigon wrapping up recent indicators of impending enemy action against Saigon.



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Maury reported that the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee is conducting a survey of the inventory of A-12's and F-106's. The Director concurred in relaying to the staff the number of Agency A-12's.

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Maury raised the question of attendance at the Director's luncheon with Messrs. Conway and Murphy on Monday. It was agreed that the DDCI, Parrott, Maury, and [] should attend and that there should be a brief meeting of participants before the luncheon.

ADD/P drew attention to a forthcoming book, The Experts, by Cy Freidman, which critically analyzes the role of prominent journalists and commentators in foreign policy matters.

The Director asked about the accuracy of the enemy infiltration figures reported in our publications this morning and was assured by Godfrey that the reported figures have been as considered and vetted as is feasible.

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The Director noted a letter he has received from the President drawing attention to the importance of foreign intelligence and the role of PFIAB. He agreed to the Executive Director's suggestion that a copy of same be sent to BOB Director Zwick.

The Director asked Bross to follow up on a letter from Under Secretary Katzenbach to Deputy Secretary Nitze requesting a review of American installations []

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Goodwin drew attention to the full-page Ramparts advertisement in today's New York Times.

The Director reported that the Latin American policy paper considered at yesterday's SIG meeting was remanded to the Latin American IRG for further thought and recommendations.

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L. K. White

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